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AN IMPORTANT ELECTION.

There is a singular lack of interest in the coming election for members of the House. Those who support the Government, apparently assume that the Republic has seen its first and last Legislature, by reason of the certainty of annexation.

They are like a public audience at the close of services who begin to rise, put on hats, and move out, while the voice of the chairman announcing further business is not heard.

To those who are so confident of annexation within the next six months, nothing can be said which will disturb their faith. They were as confident of annexation in '93. It is a question of temperament, and that cannot be changed. It is the confidence in uncertainties which the gold prospector has in every hole he digs in the mountain.

Those, however, who believe that annexation is highly probable, but still uncertain, should look at once into the matter of elections for the coming Legislature. A hostile House may embarrass the project of annexation through its moral influence. Ratification of the treaty by the Senate may be deferred until after the 4th of March, and not be finally concluded until the "long session" is well along. Foolish conduct by a hostile House might not defeat, but it could embarrass the project of union. The complexion of the next House is, therefore, a very serious matter.

A serious mistake may be made if we let go the branches on the side of the political stream before we get a firm hold on the branches of the other side.

Of course time, work, and thought, as well as money for incidental expenses, may be wasted, if annexation is promptly made in '98, and Congress takes immediate action in our local affairs. But if the consideration of the treaty is not promptly made, and the matter lies over, from time to time, as it may, our own Legislature will have been in session, and its laws will have force under the treaty, if ratified. For this reason alone, the matter of the next election must be earnestly considered. There is an element of danger in a failure to realize the situation.

It is not safe to presume that Congress will at once, in the event of ratification, provide legislation for us. The treaty itself looks to a joint Commission, which shall draft desirable laws. After the commission has finished its work, Congress must pass upon it. In the mean time, there may be need of immediate legislation here. The treaty apparently keeps all the wheels of our Government in motion, excepting that of legislation. It would have been wise to have made provision for the movements of that wheel. This may be done, by a single act of Congress. If, however, there should be a hostile House there would be some danger of our being "hung up" for while. All difficulties of this kind may be avoided by taking an active interest in the coming election.

INCORRECT STATEMENTS.

Harper's Weekly attempts to tell its half a million of readers what the facts are about the immigration dispute, between Japan and Hawaii. It means to make a correct statement but fails, owing, no doubt, to the lack of sufficient information on the subject. It states that "the right to emigrate from Japan to Hawaii was carefully guarded by treaty."

"emigration laws were enacted by Japan, which instead of promoting, prevented the flooding of the islands by Japanese;" "under this arrangement and guarded by these laws, emigration went on until last February, when suddenly the Hawaiian Government refused to permit some Japanese to land, although, as the Japanese Government claims, the emigrants came precisely as others before them had come;" "claims for damages were made at once, but pending the negotiation the cry was raised that the Japanese had hostile intention against the islands, and the hasty conclusion of the treaty followed;" "under these circumstances, Japan has certainly the right to expect notice of the intended treaty, and a right to be consulted and heard in behalf of her people, and to complain of the deception practised by Mr. Sherman, who, she asserts, promised that hasty action should not be taken."

Although Harper's Weekly, under the influence of Mr. Carl Shurz, opposes the project of annexation, it does not intend to present the facts incorrectly. But it has done so. We admit that the treaty rights, and the Convention rights, and the rights and liabilities under our municipal laws, on the subject of immigration are rather confusing, and have not yet been clearly stated for public use. Nor has the diplomatic correspondence been fully published, and the sources of information are limited.

It would hardly be fair to us, for Harper's Weekly to influence its several hundred thousands of readers, until it is in possession of the correct facts.

We have been told that the Hawaiian Government and community will not fairly state the case, and must not be believed. This is an error. A correct statement of the case will be made before long, and the law bearing upon it. The controversy involves some points which the lawyers would call delicate, but which the average layman will dispose of in a breath.

The American people were quite chagrined at the Behring sea judgment against them. The Press, as usual, had it all one way, "a clear case," "no doubt about it." Few papers, and those only of the pessimistic order attempted to make an impartial statement. So the people felt good, waited impatiently for a favorable decision called the men of the impartial Press, "bloody Britishers," and then got badly left.

In all probability the most candid and impartial statement of the case, will convince the influential Harper's Weekly that it has prejudged the matter.

HAWAII JOTTINGS.

At the recent annual meeting of the National Convention of the Republican Leagues of the United States, held in Detroit, the platform adopted indorses the acts and policies of President McKinley and favors the annexation of Hawaii. Some 700 delegates were in attendance.

PERSONAL AND PECULIAR.

The following conversation is said to have occurred on the floor of the House of Representatives in the Fifty-first Congress, and is given, says the New York Tribune, on the responsibility of Isaac R. Hill. The talk took place between

Major McKinley and Major Martin, of Texas, both inveterate smokers: Major Martin—"Major McKinley, you ought not to smoke those interstate cigars." Major McKinley—"What do you mean by interstate cigars?" Major Martin—"Why, I mean cigars that, when smoked in one State, can be smoked in all the other States." Major McKinley—"And you, Major Martin, should not smoke those Robinson Crusoe cigars of yours." Major Martin—"What do you mean by Robinson Crusoe cigars?" Major McKinley—"Why, castaways, of course."

It is said that if all the cotton raised in Texas were made into one shirt the garment would fit a man 20,000 miles tall.

At a recent sale of curios in Brussels, one of Victor Hugo's straw hats sold for \$340 and a goose quill with which he wrote "Napoleon the Little" brought \$720. It was fastened to a sheet of paper on which was written the following: "I beg M. Victor Hugo to certify that it was with this pen that he wrote 'Napoleon le Petit.'" (Signed) Camille Barrou. "It was." (Signed) Victor Hugo.

In London, Paris, Berlin and Vienna a large number of Chinese have arrived recently for the purpose of studying medicine. They have been dispatched to Europe for the purpose by the express orders of the young Emperor, who has come to the conclusion that Western medicine is superior to Chinese remedies.

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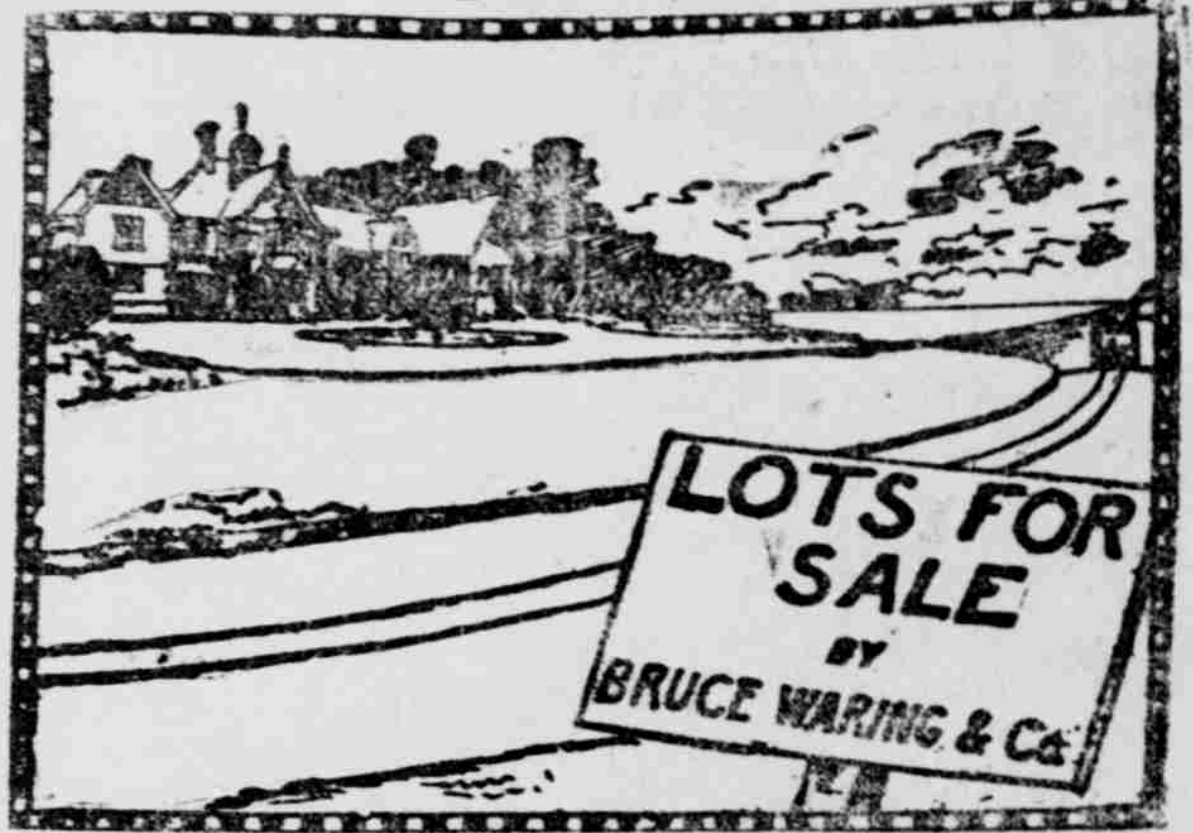
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